

Do Tell Story Swap Summaries

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Vicky Ness began the evening with a piece about a yellow tape measure that led to “blessings immeasurable.”

Beverly Schwartz called in from New York to recount her adventures as a science teacher.

Rose Owens told Jane Yolen’s story, “Sleeping Ugly,” about a sleeping princess with a sign saying, “Do not kiss!”

Sharon Elwell told a folk tale called “A Happy Man’s Shirt,” about a sad prince and his father’s attempt to cheer him.

Chester Weems called in from Oklahoma to tell about finding an old book called *The Civil War in Song and Story*, published in 1869. The book proved to be a treasure trove for a storyteller, and he told about a “contraband,” an escaped slave, and his attempt to reach a Union ship during the war.

Brandon Spars shared Jack London’s breathtaking account of his adventures as a deputy patrolman in the Fish Patrol in San Francisco Bay, in pursuit of pirates and poachers.

Sara Armstrong told the story of a boy who found a lost pocket watch by quieting himself to listen for the ticking.

Renu Narayan zoomed in from India to share the story of a woman’s trickery that defeated her cruel husband.

Katy Mangan closed the evening with a story of Shirley Anne celebrating Beltane – including sightings of the May Queen and the Green Man.